

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-6, 8-19, 24, 25, and 28-35.

Claims 1-6, 8-19, 24, 25, and 28-35 are allowed.

Applicant amends claims 1, 2, 10, 18, 24, 25, 31, 33, and 34. No new matter is added.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 10, 18, 24, 25, 31, 33, and 34 are amended for grammatical purposes, and without prejudice with regards to pursuing the claims as previously presented or in other forms in a continuation or other application. The claim amendments are not being made to overcome the cited references, and Applicant neither intends nor believes that these amendments operate to narrow the scope of the claims. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the amendments.

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Although the Applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the Applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant requests consideration of the amendments to allowed claims 1-6, 8-19, 24, 25 and 27-35. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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